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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- HAVOC WREAKED BY TYPHOON THELMA ABSORBED MUCH OF MEDIA ATTENTION THIS WEEK, BUT DID NOT DAMPEN ON-GOING LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN ON AMERICAN CHINA POLICY. BOTH UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO, 600,000) AND CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO, 400,000) HAVE PRODUCED ENGLISH PAMPHLET TRANSLATIONS OF EARLIER EDITORIALS AND ARE ENCOURAGING READERS TO SEND THEM TO AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN, OFFICIALS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN DRIVE TO MAINTAIN U.S.-ROC STATUS QUO. BOTH PAPERS ARE COMPILING LISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES, NSC MEMBERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO SUPPLY THEIR READERS. ONE CENTRAL DAILY NEWS EXECUTIVE TOLD USIS HIS PAPER ALSO SUPPLYING READERS WITH LETTER FROM PUBLISHER TSU SUNG-CHIU TO BE USED IN WRITING TO U.S. TSU FORMERLY WAS SECRETARY TO LATE PRESIDENT CHIANG, AND TO PREMIER.

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-- UNITED DAILY NEWS CARRIED ONE "LETTER-TO-EDITOR" SUGGESTING ALL ROC POST OFFICES USE SPECIAL POSTAL SEAL ON MAILS TO U.S., WARNING OF DANGER OF RECOGNITION OF PRC. SAME PAPER'S DIRECT MAIL PAMPHLET DRIVE ALSO OSTENSIBLY SPARKED BY LETTER TO EDITOR.

-- SAME PAPER JULY 26 CARRIED SPECIAL ARTICLE BY STAFFER CHUNG JUNG-CHI DISCUSSING WASHINGTON POST AND PLACED BY

"FREEDOM FIGHTER" HUANG PU-YAO, WHICH GIVEN EXTENSIVE LOCAL COVERAGE. REPORTER URGED ALL CHINESE TO EMULATE HUANG IN HELPING HIS COUNTRY AND URGED THEM TO TELEPHONE OR WRITE TO U.S. EMBASSY AND AMERICAN FRIENDS. CHUNG, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EAST-WEST CENTER SEMINAR AND U.S. VISIT, SAID AMERICANS IGNORANT ABOUT ROC AND NEED PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DIPLOMACY. ALSO URGED ROC TO INCREASE CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN PRESS MEDIA "WHICH ARE NOT NECESSARILY LEFT-LEANING AS SOME PEOPLE SUSPECT."

-- ALL PAPERS AND TV GAVE BROADEST COVERAGE TO FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION POLL INDICATING MAJORITY PUBLIC OPINION SUPPORT FOR ROC. ALSO REPORTED MIDWEST STATES CONFERENCE PRO-ROC RESOLUTION. CENTRAL DAILY NEWS JULY 23 REPORTED 30 STATE LEGISLATURES PLUS GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA HAVE ADOPTED PRO-ROC RESOLUTIONS. PRESS REPORTED ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN TOLD VISITING ROC PROFESSORS MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF AMERICAN PEOPLE SUPPORT ROC. SHEN ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET MADE HIS DECISION ON CHINA POLICY; IT STILL UNDER NSC STUDY.

-- DEFECTOR FAN REMAINED PROMINENT IN PRESS COVERAGE, WITH REPORTS OF PLAINS, GA., INVITATION AND FAN'S WISH TO VISIT U.S. CHINA TIMES AND CENTRAL DAILY NEWS TODAY CARRY WASHINGTON REPORTERS' STORIES THAT SECRETARY STILL STUDYING FAN LETTER TO HIM BUT ONE DOS OFFICIAL "PRIVATELY INDICATED" THAT VANCE KNOWS OF FAN'S CONDITION AND ANXIETY. "OTHER OFFICIALS" DOUBTED VANCE WOULD TAKE UP ISSUE IN PEKING.

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ON STORY SAID "IT IS BELIEVED THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM ALL CONGRESSMEN WHO WROTE ON FAN'S BEHALF THAT THE U.S. HAS NO WAY TO FORCE THE PRC TO RELEASE FAN'S FAMILY."

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-- MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN'S REMARKS IN KOREA THAT U.S. INTENDS REMAIN STRONG PACIFIC POWER. ALL MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED CNA SEOUL DISPATCH ON BROWN TELLING CNA REPORTER THAT "SO LONG AS AN AMERICAN SECURITY COMMITMENT EXISTS NO ONE SHOULD HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT OUR INTENTION OF HONORING IT." UDN EDITORIAL TODAY HAILED DECISION TO LEAVE 2ND DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND TWO BRIGADES OF TROOPS AS "SIGNIFICANT IN STABILIZING THE MORALE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE." ALSO SUPPORTED IDEA OF JOINT COMMAND.

-- TENG HSIAO-PING'S RETURN ANALYZED BY MEDIA CHINA-WATCHERS AS SIGNALLING FUTURE POWER STRUGGLE WITH HUA AND NOT PARTICULARLY GOOD SIGN FOR PROGRESS IN VANCE TALKS AS TENG CONSIDERED VERY SHREWD AND TOUGH.

-- DEPUTY ASSISTANT COMMERCE SECRETARY DEAN MORAN'S VISIT RESULTED IN FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE EXPLAINING USG DESIRE OBTAIN MORE EQUAL TRADE BALANCE WITH ROC. USIS PUBLICIZED HIS VISIT AND ARRANGED PRESS CONFERENCE FOR MORAN DURING HIS 24-HOUR STAY.

## 2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- AMERICAN CLASSICAL GUITARIST ROBERT LUSE PERFORMED FOR AUDIENCE OF 1,200 IN TAIPEI CITY HALL JULY 24 WITH GENERALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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GOOD RECEPTION. AUDIENCE, WHICH INCLUDED MANY LOCAL GUITARISTS, SEEMED MORE IMPRESSED BY LUSE TECHNIQUE THAN BY HIS MUSICAL SELECTIONS WHICH INCLUDED ONE OF OWN COMPOSITIONS. OVERALL SUCCESS OF CONCERT DIMMED SOMEWHAT BY INADEQUATE SOUND AMPLIFICATION AT CITY HALL, WITH RESULT THAT MANY AUDIENCE MEMBERS COULDN'T HEAR PERFORMANCE WELL.

-- LUSE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED PERFORM IN KAOHSIUNG JULY 25 BUT ARRIVAL TYPHOON THELMA FORCED CANCELLATION. POST INSTEAD ARRANGED WORKSHOP FOR 50 MUSICIANS, MOSTLY GUITAR TEACHERS, COSPONSORED BY LOCAL MUSIC STUDIO. LUSE EXPOSITION HIS PIONEERING METHODS IN TEACHING CLASSICAL GUITAR TO CHILDREN VERY WELL RECEIVED AND PARTICIPANTS PLIED HIM EXTENSIVE QUESTIONS. ENTHUSIASM FOR LUSE TEACHING METHODS SO HIGH AT WORKSHOP IT LIKELY LOCAL GUITAR TEACHERS WILL INVITE LUSE BACK FOR ANOTHER APPEARANCE NEXT YEAR.

-- VOLUNTEER SPEAKER WARREN SEYFRIED, UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON

PROFESSOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT, BEGAN FIVE DAYS TAIWAN  
PROGRAMMING WITH SEMINAR ON "HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
IN THE U.S.- FORTY URBAN PLANNERS, ARCHITECT AND TAIPEI  
CITY HOUSING OFFICIALS TOOK PART AT GROE ECONOMIC PLANNING  
COUNCIL JULY 25. SEYFRIED ALSO LECTURED ON "URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
IN THE U.S. POLICY AND PROBLEMS" FOR GENERAL AUDIENCE OF  
45 AT USIS LINCOLN CENTER. TURNOUT FOR LINCOLN CENTER  
PROGRAM DISAPPOINTING BUT SEMINAR COMBINED RIGHT  
AUDIENCE AND RIGHT TOPIC FOR GENERALLY USEFUL DISCUSSION  
OF FINANCIAL BASES FOR U.S. URBAN HOUSING, TOPIC OF GREAT  
INTEREST TO LOCAL PLANNERS. SEYFRIED PROGRAMMING  
CONTINUES WITH BRANCH POST ENGAGEMENTS.

-- POST ALSO PROVIDED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR CONSULTATION  
AND OBSERVATION PROGRAMS DR. LESTER BROWN, PRESIDENT,  
WORLDWATCH INSTITUTE, AND DR. DAVID WALKER, NORTHWESTERN  
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR FINANCE. WE WORKED WITH JCRR IN  
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DEVELOPING TWO-DAY TOUR TAIWAN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS  
FOR DR. BROWN AND COORDINATED WITH VENTRAL BANK AND EMB/ECON  
IN SCHEDULE FOR SERIES WALKER CALLS TO DISCUSS BANKING SYSTEMS.  
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